

TECHNIQUES FOR PROVIDING AND OBTAINING RESEARCH AND  
DEVELOPMENT INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY ON REMOTE COMPUTING  
RESOURCES

**ABSTRACT**

The present invention describes a novel business model for performing Research and Development Information Technology Application Software Hosting using remote computing resources. A client computer user is provided access to a state-of-the-art remote computing facility and applications running on servers at this remote computing facility, which are secure, environmentally stabilized and properly managed. The computer user's application is available via a secure data line either through a private Intranet link or using encrypted data over the Internet, using a thin-client type environment. This environment can be expanded wherein access to extremely fast processors can be managed by porting the user environment to a fast processor system employing a means that is essentially transparent to the user. The model provides hardware, software and data product installation, maintenance, support, backup and other services for the client.